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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – NOTICE OF ALLOCATION TRANSFER

Fund Reallocation The Department of Public Safety transferred \$6,826 from the State Fire

Marshal's Office to the Fire Service Training Bureau in August 2007,

pursuant to 2006 Iowa Acts, Chapter 1183, §16.9.

Transfer Purpose The transfer will cover terminal leave pay totaling \$12,431 for an employee

who retired April 19, 2007, creating a shortfall of \$6,826.

More Information Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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APPEAL BOARD ACTION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Settlement Agreement



The Appeal Board approved \$700 payable to Crawford, Sullivan, Read, and Roemerman, P.C., and \$114,500 payable to William C. Donleavy and the Tom Riley Law Firm.

The settlement related to the case, *William C. Donleavy v. State of Iowa*, which involved allegations that the Iowa State Patrol failed to properly secure the scene of an accident, causing an accident to occur on August 7, 2004, on I-80 in Johnson County.

More Information Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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APPEAL BOARD ACTION – CONSOLIDATED INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL INFORMATION CENTER PROGRAM SETTLEMENT

Settlement Agreement



Payment Schedule

The federal National Guard Bureau and the State entered into a cooperative agreement in September 2000 to support the Consolidated Interactive Virtual Information Center (CIVIC). The agreement was terminated in September 2002. The CIVIC was financed through the federal government and supported by a private partner, International Simulation and Training Systems (ISTS), LLC, of Urbandale, Iowa.

According to terms and conditions of the lawsuit between the State and federal government, the State agreed to pay the federal government \$5.7 million (Settlement Amount), plus interest at a rate of 2.95% from February 10, 2005, until the Settlement Amount is paid in full. The State agreed to pay

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the \$5.7 million in the following installments:

- \$700,000 on or before June 30, 2005.
- At least \$1.0 million on or before June 30, 2006.
- At least \$1.0 million on or before June 30, 2007.
- The outstanding balance of the Settlement Amount, plus accrued interest on or before June 30, 2008. The State may pay the Settlement Amount, plus accrued interest, before June 30, 2008, without any penalties or charges.

Appeal Board Action

To date, the Appeal Board has ratified \$2.8 million in payments to the federal government. The Appeal Board also paid a one-time payment of \$1.3 million to ISTS, LLC, primarily for contract termination costs.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM EXPANSION

CASA Program



The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program provides greater assistance to and protection for abused and neglected children. Program volunteers are assigned by a judge to represent the best interests of the child under the Court's jurisdiction due to abuse or neglect.

Expansion Counties

Over the next few months, the Program will expand into the remaining 31 counties currently not covered, including Adams, Audubon, Boone, Calhoun, Carroll, Clayton, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Guthrie, Howard, Humboldt, Iowa, Jasper, Kossuth, Montgomery, Monroe, O'Brien, Osceola, Page, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Ringgold, Sac, Taylor, Wayne, Webster, Winneshiek, and Wright.

Budget Impact

During the 2007 Legislative Session, the General Assembly appropriated \$411,000 for CASA expansion.

More Information

Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) upon request.

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IOWA STATE PATROL VEHICLE ORDER

FY 2007 Order



FY 2008 Order

The lowa State Patrol placed a patrol car order in November 2006 with delivery expected in spring 2007 for 139 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptors. An additional 25 Interceptors were ordered, for a total of 164. As of August 28, the Patrol had received 55 and plan to receive 109 additional vehicles by February 2008.

The FY 2008 order will be placed in November 2007 with delivery beginning in spring 2008. The Patrol anticipates ordering approximately 140 Ford Crown Victoria Interceptors.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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STATE FIRE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE COUNCIL MEETING

Council Meeting



The State Fire Service and Emergency Response Council (SFSERC) met on August 30 in Ames. There were not enough Council members present for a quorum, but the Council heard the following presentations:

- Fire Service Training Bureau Annual Report In FY 2007, there were 1,126 programs offered and 18,520 participants.
- Fire Service Training Bureau Revolving Loan Program A total of \$1.6 million has been loaned to date and the current balance in the account is \$202,845.
- 2007 Legislative Session Summary A total of 15 Acts impacted firefighters and emergency service providers. Highlights include HF 864 (Candidate Physical Ability Test [CPAT] Act), SF 457 (Public Safety Officer Bill of Rights Act), HF 897 (Electricians Act), and HF 911 (FY 2008 Infrastructure Appropriations Act).

More Information

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15. Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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JULY INJURED VETERANS GRANT PROGRAM REPORT

Payment Report



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The July Report of the Injured Veterans Grant Program was received August 20 from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Additional payments have been made, including:

- A second payment of \$10,000 for a warrant initially issued in September 2006 that had not been cashed for an evacuation from Iraq in June 2005.
- Two payments of \$5,000 for two evacuations from Iraq in October 2006. The first payments of \$5,000 were made in November 2006.
- A payment of \$5,000 that was made in June and not included in the June report for an evacuation from Iraq in April 2007.
- A payment of \$10,000 for an evacuation that occurred in October 2006.

Program Balance

The remaining balance is \$1.9 million, which includes cancelled warrants, a double payment not yet returned, and all appropriations for FY 2007 and FY 2008. From the \$3.0 million appropriated, 129 veterans have received \$1.1 million since the Program was established.

More Information

Additional information is available from the LSA upon request.

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AUDIT REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES EDAS BILLING SYSTEM

Audit Report

The LSA received a copy of the Auditor's Report of Recommendations for the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) on the Review of Selected General and Application Controls over the Department's eDAS Billing System.

Audit Results



Under general controls, written policies and procedures that ensure proper segregation of duties and provide aid in supervision and review have not been developed. The DAS agreed to complete the documentation of all policies and procedures of eDAS by the beginning of FY 2009. This will encompass the segregation of duties at all critical stages of the eDAS process. The Auditor accepted the response.

Under application controls, 10 services with input controls were reviewed. The Auditor recommended that the Department develop written policies and procedures to ensure only authorized transactions are entered into the system and all data is entered correctly. The DAS agreed to complete the documentation of all policies and procedures of eDAS by the beginning of FY 2009, which will include an emphasis to ensure all input is reconciled, authorized, complete, and accurate. The Auditor accepted the response.

More Information

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